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SUBJECT: TOURE'S COMMENTS ON FRANCE-GUINEAN RELATIONS

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION DURING FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT TOURE JAN 21, PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE STILL WISHED NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, BUT "WAS IN NO HURRY" TO DO SO. HE SAID THAT GUINEANS DID NOT ISSUE COMMUNIQUE EXPECTED ON DEC 11 (CONAKRY 1891, NOTAL) BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT THERE TO BE ANY BASIS FOR THOUGHTS OR REMARKS THAT HE WAS MOVING TOWARD FRANCE IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AT END OF YEAR.

2. WITH ELECTIONS NOW FINISHED, NEW FACTOR HAS DEVELOPED WHICH CAUSING FURTHER DELAY IN RESUMPTION OF FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS. SEKOU TOURE SAID THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED OVER TO UNSYG DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CLEARLY PROVING FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN 1970 "INVASION" OF GUINEA. HE THEREFORE MUST HAVE FULL CLARIFICATION FROM FRENCH GOV'T. HE NOTED THAT FRG HAS PUBICLY APOLOGIZED FOR ITS OWN COMPLICITY IN 1970 EVENTS (WHICH HE SAID WAS REALLY MINOR INVOLVEMENT) AND STATED THAT
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HE CANNOT PERMIT RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH FRANCE UNLESS

FRANCE DOES AT LEAST AS MUCH AS FRG TO APOLOGIZE FOR THIS
MATTER.

3. TOURE, SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION, EXPRESSED
GREATEST ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, WHO HE
SAID WAS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE PERSONALLY FOR PREVIOUS
FRENCH POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, FRENCH GOV'T HAS DUTY TO CLARIFY
THIS MATTER.
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